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AG Seeks to Remove Commissioner from PRC

Petitions NM Supreme Court for Removal Order

(SANTA FE)---Attorney General Gary King today asked the New Mexico Supreme Court to remove Carol Sloan from her position as a Commissioner on the state Public Regulation Commission.

"My office petitioned the Court for Carol Sloan's removal based on grounds that she was convicted on April 8, 2010 of Aggravated Burglary, a second degree felony, and Aggravated Battery, a third degree felony," says AG King. "Today she was sentenced for those crimes which, according to New Mexico law, means she can no longer remain in public office."

Sloan was sentenced to five 5 years, suspended with the condition of supervised probation; a \$2,500 fine plus \$1,000 court costs.

In the petition to the Court, Attorney General King cites the New Mexico Constitution and state statutes that prohibit convicted felons from holding public office. The petitions reads in part: *Petitioner prays that the Court immediately issue an Order removing Respondent from her position as a NMPRC Commissioner based on her felony convictions and order all other relief that this Court deems just and proper. It is imperative that the Court act quickly to protect the integrity of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission due to the Respondent being convicted of violent felonies and who is now not eligible to remain in the public office for which she was elected.*

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